

Statewide Respite Program

Three timeframes have been worked out with the Respite Coalition concerning the rollout of the training modules and the background checks that they will perform. The leadership of the Respite Coalition is confident that these three timeframes can be met.

Mid-May – The Primary Caregivers and Families Module will be on-line. The module will be available to families of providers who are participating in the Statewide Respite program. The providers currently in the program are Babcock, Greenville, Charles Lea, Berkeley and Jasper. The families will be able to review this module at their own pace. At the end, the family member will take a test and upon successful completion will receive a certificate from the Respite Coalition. The Respite Coalition will maintain a register of all family members successfully completing the module.

Mid-June – Respite Coalition will take over the SLED, TB, First Aid and DSS checks for all new respite caregivers seeking to be hired by a family. Also, included will be the criminal background and the Medicaid Fraud checks. Respite Coalition will maintain a register of all caregivers who have clean background checks. From each of the five providers participating in the program, a list of all current caregivers with clean background checks will be submitted to the Respite Coalition and these individuals will be entered into the register, as well. There will be training provided to the case managers and the providers participating in the program on this process in the near future.

Late-July – Three of the five respite caregiver modules will be on-line. The three modules are the Introduction to Respite, Confidentiality and HIPAA and Signs and Symptoms of Illness and Abuse and Neglect. The content of these three modules cover the mandatory training for a respite caregiver. The remaining two modules (Introduction to Disabilities and Fire Safety Procedures and Disaster Preparedness) will be available by mid-September and these are the modules that the families may choose to waive. For these training, the Respite Coalition will maintain a register of all individuals who have successfully passed this training and meet the requirements to be a respite caregiver for waiver services.